



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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At its meeting held January 27, 2004, the Board took the following action:

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Supervisor Antonovich made the following statement:

“The wildfires in the Fall of 2003 had a devastating impact on residents throughout Southern California. In Los Angeles 43 residents in unincorporated Palmer Canyon near Claremont suffered the complete loss of their homes. Various government agencies at all levels, including the County of Los Angeles, are working diligently with affected residents to assist in rebuilding their homes.

“Individuals whose homes were lost are entitled to eighteen months of living assistance under the ‘Individual Assistance’ or ‘IA’ Program administered by Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). According to fire victims FEMA officials are now delaying and/or withholding monthly IA payments until residents present building plans for replacement residences in Palmer Canyon. Given the circumstances faced by the residents of Palmer Canyon, this policy is creating emotional distress amongst a group of individuals sorely in need of governmental assistance.”

Therefore, on motion of Supervisor Antonovich, seconded by Supervisor Yaroslavsky, unanimously carried, the Board took the following actions:

1. Made a finding pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.2(b)(2), that there is a need to take immediate action and that the need for action came to the attention of the Board subsequent to the agenda being posted as specified in subdivision (a); and

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2. Instructed the Executive Officer of the Board to send a five-signature letter to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), and provide copies to Senator Dianne Feinstein, Senator Barbara Boxer, and Congressman David Dreier, requesting that FEMA take immediate measures to expedite Individual Assistance grants for temporary living assistance for Palmer Canyon residents.

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Copies distributed:

- Each Supervisor
- Chief Administrative Officer
- County Counsel

Letters sent to:

- Regional Director, Federal Emergency  
Management Agency
- Senator Dianne Feinstein
- Senator Barbara Boxer
- Congressman David Dreier